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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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Applicant: Khoi Hoang, et al. Docket No: 60595-300801
Application No: 09/892,015 Group Art Unit: 2152
Filed: June 25, 2001 Examiner: Not Assigned Yet
For: **COUNTERFEIT STB PREVENTION THROUGH PROTOCOL SWITCHING**

LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Attn: Official Draftsman
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please substitute the enclosed 11 sheets of formal drawings for the informal drawings originally filed with the application.

Respectfully submitted,

DATE: August 22, 2001

Brian R. Coleman
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Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

- ☒ Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application (Filing Date Granted);
- ☒ Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition;
- ☒ Check No.: 126377 in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the Missing Parts required fee;
- ☒ Letter To The Official Draftsman;
- ☒ Formal Drawings (11 Sheets) and
- ☒ Postcard for date-stamped return as confirmation of receipt of these items.

Total fees due in this application amount to \$130.00. The Commissioner is further authorized to charge any required additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account 02-3964.

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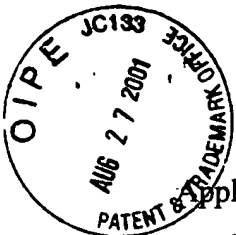
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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Sir:

Enclosed is a red-lined copy of the Filing Receipt showing the change, for the above-identified patent application, copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal dated June 25, 2001, a copy of page one of the Specification, a copy of the Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition and evidencing the desired correction. Please reprint the Filing Receipt as follows and mail the corrected copy to the undersigned.

This application is incorrectly entered as :

"Tony Qu, Residence Not Provided;"

"THIS APPLICATION IS A CIP OF 09/584,832 05/31/2000"

Please correct this application to read:

"Tony Qu, San Ramon, CA;"

"THIS APPLICATION IS A CIP OF 09/870,879 05/30/2001

AND A CIP OF 09/841,792 04/24/2001

AND A CIP OF 09/709,948 11/10/2000

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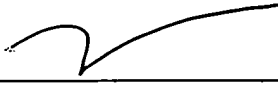
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The correction is not due to any error by applicant and no fee is due. However, in the event that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Deposit Account 02-3964.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 23, 2001



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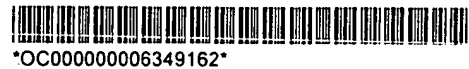
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Applicant(s)

Khoi Hoang, Pleasanton, CA;
Tony Qu, Residence Not Provided;

Tony Qu, San Ramon, CA;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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Early Publication Request: No

Title

Counterfeit STB prevention through protocol switching

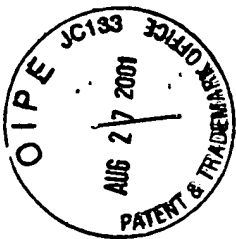
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Attorney's Docket No.: 60595-300801
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FILING TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of : **Khoi Hoang, et al.**

For: **COUNTERFEIT STB PREVENTION THROUGH PROTOCOL SWITCHING**

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ENCLOSURES

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- ☒ 22 page application including specification, claims and abstract;
- ☒ 11 sheets (Figs. 1 - 11) of ☒ informal/☐ formal drawings;
- ☒ A Declaration, Power of Attorney & Petition (☐ signed/☒ unsigned);
- ☒ A postcard for return to us as proof of receipt of the referenced documents.

and

- ☐ An Assignment of the invention with an assignment cover sheet;
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (Under 37 CFR 1.27);
- ☒ IDS (form PTO-1449) and copies of references;
- ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney;
- ☐ A certified copy of the priority document (Under 35 USC 119);
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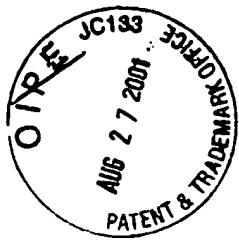
- ☒ This application claims the benefit of an earlier filed Patent Application Number 09/584,832, filed on May 31, 2000, Patent Application Number 09/709,948, filed November 10, 2000, Patent Application Number 09/841,792, filed on April 24, 2001, Patent Application Number 09/870,879, filed on May 30, 2001 (35 USC 120).
- ☐ This application claims the benefit of the priority date of an earlier provisional patent application (35 USC 119).
- ☐ This is an application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, permitting receipt of a filing date upon filing of specification, claims and drawings, if required, with applicant being given a period of one month from the date of notice to file the fee and oath or declaration.
- ☒ In the event any parts of this application are missing, please treat this as a filing under 37 CFR 1.53 as defined just above.

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Specification

COUNTERFEIT STB PREVENTION THROUGH
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part claiming priority to Khoi Nhu Hoang's patent applications entitled UNIVERSAL STB ARCHITECTURES AND CONTROL METHODS filed on May 30, 2001, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING VIDEO ON DEMAND SERVICES FOR BROADCASTING SYSTEMS filed on May 31, 2000, bearing application number 09/584,832, METHODS FOR PROVIDING VIDEO ON DEMAND filed November 10, 2000, bearing application number 09/709,948 and UNIVERSAL DIGITAL BROADCAST SYSTEM AND METHODS filed on April 24, 2001, bearing application number 09/841,792, all three being incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to data-on-demand (DOD) and digital broadcast technology. In particular, the present invention teaches a method for preventing counterfeit set-top-boxes (STBs) from pirating proprietary data transmissions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

A variety of mechanisms are available for verifying the authenticity of set top boxes for receiving video on demand (VOD) programs for display on a television or other video display device. One problem faced in the VOD and DOD industry is the counterfeiting of the STB and the pirating of the signal. Traditional uni-directional communications, such as cable, have had many problems in attempting to stop people from pirating cable. The advent of the STB allowed a mixed signal to be sent only to persons with a STB capable of de-scrambling the signal would be able to decode the signal properly. However, a counterfeit STB could still be used to de-scramble the signal. Using bi-directional communications allowed for a certain level of authenticity verification, however this would use significant processing and bandwidth resources and will not work in uni-directional systems.



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 - ☒ Copy of Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 Page);
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 - ☒ Copy of Executed Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition (Signed) (2 pages);
- and ☒ Return Postcard.

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